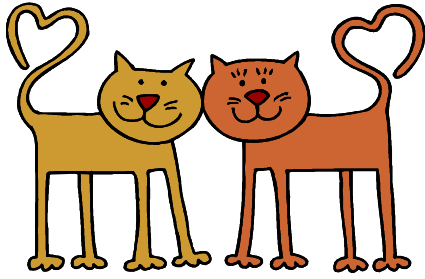


# Our Classroom Rules



1. We listen to each other.
2. Hands are for helping, not hurting.
3. We use "I Care Language".
4. We care about each other's feelings.
5. We are responsible for what we say and do.



Our classroom rules are taught through a program titled *Peacemaking Skills*. *I-Care-Cat*, a calico cat puppet, introduces each new concept to the class. Numerous activities are planned to reinforce each rule.

### What is peace education?

*Peace education is holistic.* It embraces the physical, emotional, intellectual, and social growth within a framework deeply rooted in traditional human values. It is based on a philosophy that teaches love, compassion, trust, fairness, cooperation and reverence for the human family and all life.

*Peace education is life-affirming.* It is the understanding that all life is precious. Children learn to value themselves, each other and their environment.

*Peace education is skill building.* It empowers children to find creative and non-destructive ways to settle conflicts and to live in harmony with themselves, others, and their world.

*Peace making is an ongoing process.* Building peace is the task of every person and the challenge of the family.

## Our Goals for Your Child

RDS kindergarten graduates are fully prepared for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and go on to excel at many quality schools throughout the county.

At the beginning of the year, goals are set for every child at his or her own developmental level. Throughout the year, we work with you as a team to help your child achieve these goals. If needed, extra help is offered and done in a fun-loving way by incorporating additional activities designed to help your child be successful and ready for 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

By the end of the school year, our goal for your child is that he or she will have mastered the following skills:

- Reading (Modern Curriculum Series)
  - Complete 20 short vowel books and 10 long vowel books
- Math (Modern Curriculum Math Series)
  - Recognize and write numerals 1 to 100
  - Count to 100 by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's
  - Tell time of half-past and o'clock
  - Identify fractional parts
  - Add and subtract numbers totaling 10 or less
  - Recognize and count money
- Handwriting (Scott-Foresman Co.)
  - Learn to form all uppercase and lowercase letters, keeping all letters uniform and within the lines as taught by the D'Nealian Handwriting Program

- Directed Writing
  - Reproduce sentences from whiteboard to their own paper using proper spacing between words, capitalizing first word, and ending with correct punctuation
- Creative Writing
  - Write 3 of their own complete sentences on a given subject matter
  - Use creative spelling to spell their own words (e.g. I luv you)
- Science and Social Studies Units
  - Volcanoes
  - Bats
  - Insects
  - Johnny Appleseed
  - Fire Safety
  - Seasons
  - Thanksgiving History
  - Christmas Around the World
  - Food Groups
  - The Human Body
  - Martin Luther King Jr.
  - Transportation
  - Groundhog Day
  - George Washington
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Oceans and Seas
  - Plants
  - Easter



## Daily Classroom Schedule\*

9:00 - 9:30	Welcome Circle (Calendar/Sharing/Songs & Movement)
9:30 - 10:00	Phonological Awareness/Reading (Large & Small Group Instruction)
10:00 - 10:15	Restroom/Snack
10:15 - 10:30	Teacher Read-Aloud
10:30 - 11:00	Writer's Workshop (M, W, F) Directed lesson - Handwriting (T, Th) (Both Large & Small Group Instruction)
11:00 - 11:30	Math (Large & Small Group Instruction)
11:30 - 12:00	Restroom/Lunch
12:30 - 1:00	Rest Time (Music/Stories/Independent Reading)
1:00 - 1:40	Indoor Activities (Free Choice)
1:40 - 2:15	Themes/Content Areas (Health/Science/Social Studies)
2:15 - 2:45	Outdoor Activities/Restroom
2:45 - 3:00	Evaluation/Closing Activities

\*Weekly Spanish, Music and Chapel

## About Our Staff



Mrs. Paige Heim

Kindergarten Teacher

- Twenty-eight years of teaching experience
- Seventeen years as RDS Kindergarten teacher
- Graduate of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL with a degree in Elementary Education
- Certified Early Childhood Education from University of South Florida
- Taught six years as a third grade teacher with Pinellas County Schools
- Selected by Pinellas County Schools to enter training to become certified as a teacher for children with Specific Learning Disabilities
- Taught three year olds at RDS for 3 years
- Continued active teaching at Northside Christian School as a substitute teacher in grades K-6
- Served on the RDS Board and served as Chairperson

I have been married to my husband, Rick, for 38 years. We have two sons, Scott and Jeff (who both attended RDS), a daughter-in-law, Michelle, and a beautiful granddaughter, Lauren Grace Heim.



Mrs. Kathy Crow  
Kindergarten Aide

- One year of classroom experience
- One year as RDS Kindergarten aide
- Graduate of Seminole Community College, Sanford, FL and the University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL with Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degrees, respectively
- Completed the 40 hour Introductory Child Care Training courses through the Florida Department of Children and Families
- Chaired RDS' Spring Fling Auction and Carnival in 07 and 08.
- Worked in insurance for USAA Insurance for 14 years before staying home with my children.

I have been married to a wonderful man, Stephen, since 2000. My Mother in Law, Mary Crow, taught at RDS for 20+ years, helped establish RDS in the 1970's and is an invaluable resource for me. Both of my sons, Zackary, 7, and Joshua, 5, are RDS Alumni.